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C O N F I D E N T I A L VALLETTA 1280

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFORN, MT

SUBJECT: ASD ELLSWORTH VISIT TO MALTA

REF: (A) STATE 257562; (B) VALLETTA 311 (NOTAL)

1. DUE TO ILLNESS OF JOE CAMILLERI, MINTOFF'S PRINCIPAL AIDE, I REQUESTED CONFIRMATION OF THE TRAVEL PLANS OUTLINED IN REFTEL EARLY THIS MORNING FROM DE MARCO, ANOTHER OFFICIAL IN THE PM'S OFFICE. HE SAID HE HAD BEEN INFORMED OF THE TIMES OF ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE BUT NOT OF THE PROPTSED USE OF A MILITARY AIRCRAFT OR OF CAPTAIN CARTER'S ACCOMPANYING MR. ELLSWORTH. LATTER TWO POINTS OBVIOUSLY DISTURBED DE MARCO, WHO SAID HE WOULD HAVE TO DISCUSS THEM WITH MINTOFF AND INFORM ME OF HIS REACTION. IN MID-AFTERNOON, PM'S OFFICE REPORTED THAT DE MARCO HAD NOT YET RECEIVED ANY RESPONSE FROM MINTOFF AND WOULD NOT SEE HIM AGAIN UNTIL THIS EVENING.

2. COMMENT: UNLESS THESE TWO POINTS WERE SORTED OUT IN OTHER EXCHANGES BETWEEN MR. ELLSWORTH AND MINTOFF OF WHICH WE ARE UNAWARE, BELIEVE WE MUST BE PREPARED FOR ANOTHER POSSIBLE OUTBURST FROM THE PM. WHILE HE  
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MIGHT ACQUIESCE IN CAPTAIN CARTER'S PRESENCE IF HE

WERE IN CIVVIES (GOM HAS MADE IT CLEAR EARLIER THAT  
IT WOULD NOT WELCOME ANY UNIFORMED US MILITARY PERSONNEL),  
THE PROPOSED USE OF U.S. MILITARY AIRCRAFT WILL BE  
MUCH HARDER FOR MINTOFF TO SWALLOW. GOM'S REFUSAL  
TO PERMIT ANY OF OUR MILITARY AIRCRAFT TO LAND IN  
MALTA (EXCEPT FOR BONA FIDE EMERGENCIES) HAS BEEN  
UNYIELDING. REF B (PARA 3) REPORTS LATEST GOM REFUSAL  
IN THE FEATHERSTONE CASE, EVEN UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES  
WHICH WOULD HAVE BEEN TO ITS ADVANTAGE. I THEREFORE  
ANTICIPATE THAT MINTOFF WILL ASK ELLSWORTH TO USE  
COMMERCIAL TRANSPORT, WITH ONLY AN OUTSIDE CHANCE  
THAT HE MIGHT ATTACH SUCH IMPORTANCE TO SEEING ELLSWORTH  
THAT HE WOULD STAND STILL FOR THE USE OF A MILITARY  
PLANE. I WILL OF COURSE REPORT MINTOFF'S REACTION  
AS SOON AS IT IS RECEIVED. SMITH

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